

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: John Wilson

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater

Case File/Project Number: N/A

Applicable Categorical Exclusion 516 DM 11.9 A. (1) Modification of existing fences to provide improved wildlife ingress and egress.

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0004-CX

Project Name: Fence Replacement

Project Description: Existing barb wire fence around Corral Spring will be replaced with pipe rail fence due to pronghorn getting hung up in the barbed wire. The fence will also pose less risk for sage-grouse mortality stemming from fence collision. The fence uses 1 5/8 pipe and for the rail system the uprights are made of galvanized 4" channel iron with the bottom rail at 29" and the top rail at 48". The dimensions are 240' wide by 350' long. Work will be completed by NDOW in fall of 2012.

Applicant Name: NDOW

Project Location: T18N R39E

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 1.8

Land Use Plan Conformance: **Desired Outcomes 5.** Maintain or improve the habitat condition of meadow and aquatic areas....

Name of Plan: Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

| <i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i> | YES | NO |
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| 1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range-Jill Devaurs) | | gd |
| 2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality) | | gm |
| 3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC) | | hiz |
| 4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC) | | hiz |
| 5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC) | | hiz |
| 6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC) | | hiz |
| 7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archeology) | | hiz |
| 8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (Wildlife) | | hiz |
| 9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology) | | hiz |
| 10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC) | | hiz |
| 11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (Archeology) | | gm |
| 12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (Range-Jill Devaurs) | | gd |

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: *SK 10/03/2012*
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: *JD 10-9-12*
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: *DW 10/3/12*
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species), John Wilson: *JW 10-3-12*
Archeology, Susan McCabe: *JASON WRIGHT JAW 10-3-12 since 10/4/12 APC. 2.*
Water Quality, Gabe Venegas:
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *JD 10-9-12*

CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

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Stillwater Field Office

10/10/12
(date)

Corral Spring Fence Replacement (Lander County, Porter Canyon Allotment)**Legend**

Fence Replacement

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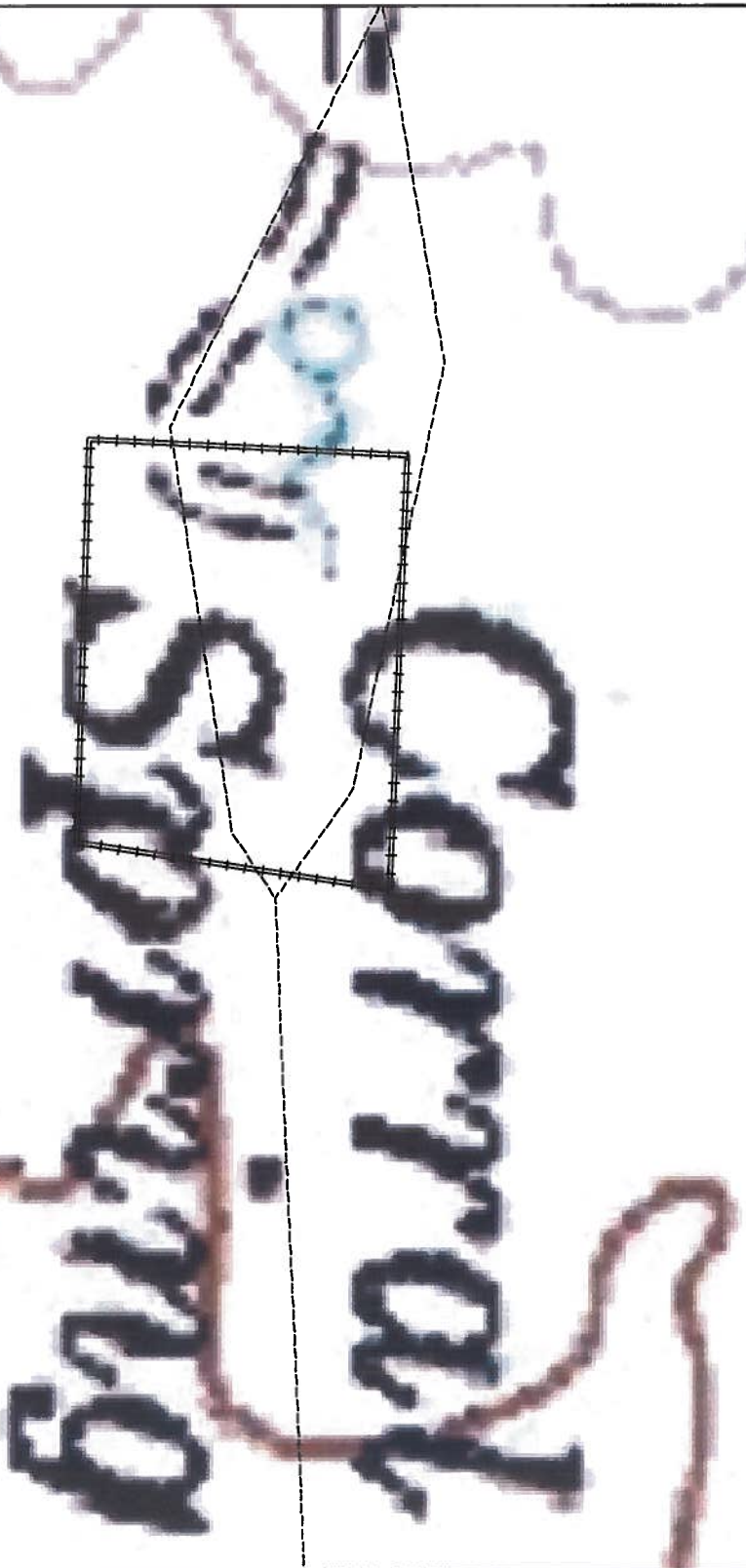
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Carroll Summit NE

Legend

- Fence Replacement
- 4WD Roads

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